

Old Half-Way Inn (Tucker Residence)  
Nacogdoches County  
Chireno, Texas

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PRESENT OWNER: H. R. Granberry (1934)

DATE OF ERECTION: Prior to 1837

ARCHITECT: Unknown

BUILDER: Unknown

PRESENT CONDITION: Poor

NUMBER OF STORIES: Two

MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION: Stone foundation, wood floors, corrugated iron roof (new), log exterior walls veneered with siding, single thickness interior wood partitions.

OTHER EXISTING RECORDS: "Two Centuries of East Texas" by Geo. L. Crockett.... personal reference:— Mrs. L. F. Summers, 516 North Street, Nacogdoches, Texas.

ADDITIONAL DATA: The structural parts of the building are in perfect condition, but it is otherwise in a poor state of repair. The walls are of logs, and all structural members are heavy hewn timbers, mortised and pinned together. The columns are built up of light dressed material with blocks at intervals to tie the vertical members together, a very interesting and original treatment. Many years ago the outside walls were veneered with siding.

The present owner and occupant is H. R. Granbury. Jas. B. Johnson lived there in 1837. Later it was owned and operated by the Tucker family as an inn at the junction of stage lines between San Augustine and Nacogdoches, the stage from each point making the round trip to the inn and exchanging passengers.

This Inn was the second stop-over place for the early settlers who crossed the Sabine at Pendleton on their way to Nacogdoches and points west in Texas. Peter Ellis Bean, Sam Houston and many other notables have spent the night under its roof.